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SUBJECT: SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROPOSED SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN
JOINT COMMAND

1. SOVIET COUNSELOR KABOCHKINE CALLED ON DCM MARCH 19,
RETURNING LATTER'S COURTESY CALL OF PREVIOUS WEEK.
COUNSELOR OPENED CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE THOUGHT PLO
CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S APPROVAL OF JOINT COMMAND WAS
ASSURED. HE THEN REFERRED TO BREZHNEV'S BUDAPEST
SPEECH CALLING FOR SPEEDY CONVOCAION OF GENEVA
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CONFERENCE AND SAID THAT JOINT COMMAND APPEARED
TO BE GOOD WAY OF SOLVING QUESTION OF PALESTINIAN

PARTICIPATION. KABOCHKINE BRUSHED ASIDE EMBOFF'S
QUERY WHETHER PALESTINIAN ACCEPTANCE OF JOINT
COMMAND WOULD ALSO MEAN ACCEPTANCE OF UN RESOLUTIONS
338 AND 242 BY SAYING SUCH ACCEPTANCE COULD BE
ASSUMED IF JOINT COMMAND AGREED TO ATTEND GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

2. KABOCHKINE REGRETTED HE COULD NOT SUPPLY FILL-IN
ON VINOGRADOV-ARAFAT MEETING BUT SAID HE KNEW OF
NO CURRENT PLANS FOR ARAFAT TO VISIT MOSCOW.
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